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James W. Roth Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. 1400 East Tremont Street P.O. Box 130 Hillsboro, IL 62049

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Dear Mr. Roth:

I have reviewed the information you provided concerning the proposed expansion of the Milam Landfill in St. Clair County, pursuant to the Illinois Pollution Control Board's General Standards for All Landfills, Section 811.102(c).

The proposed landfill expansion does not pose a threat to a dedicated nature preserve pursuant to the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 105, par. 701 et. seq). However, you were notified by the Endangered Species Program of the Illinois Department of Conservation (10-29-90 letter) that a sizable population of the Decurrent False Aster (Boltonia decurrens) occurs 0.3 miles from the site of the proposed expansion. This species is listed by the State of Illinois and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as being threatened with extinction. Endangered and threatened bird species which nest approximately one mile from the site were also discussed.

Chapter 35, Illinois Administrative Code, Section 811.102(d) prohibits siting a facility "where it may jeopardize the continued existence of any designated endangered species, result in the destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat listed for such species, or cause or contribute to the taking of any endangered or threatened species of plant, fish or wildlife listed pursuant to the [federal] Endangered Species Act or the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act."

Sincerely,

Gretchen Bonfert Deputy Director

cc: Deanna Glosser, IDOC Bill Child, IEPA

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